



# City of Imperial Beach, California

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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## NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION (ND), THE MOBILITY ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN/LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM (LCP) UPDATE AND THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (CAP) FOR THE 2019 RESILIENT IMPERIAL BEACH (RIB) PROJECT. MF 1234

**City Council hearing date: July 17, 2019**

**Notice** is hereby given that the **CITY COUNCIL** of the **CITY OF IMPERIAL BEACH** will hold a **public hearing** on **July 17, 2019**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 825 Imperial Beach Blvd., Imperial Beach, CA to consider the adoption of the following:

**Project Description:** The **Mobility Element** (previously referred to as the Circulation Element) is one of the state mandated elements of the general plan (Government Code § 65302). The Element includes a description of the City's transportation network, the goals and policies that address the safe and efficient operation, maintenance, and management of the transportation network, and it provides a framework for a balanced, multi-modal transportation system (that includes motor vehicles, public transportation, bicycles, and pedestrians) for the movement of people and goods in a sustainable manner. The Element includes a set of principles or policies to satisfy the requirements of the Complete Streets Act of 2008 (AB 1358).

The **Climate Action Plan** (CAP) is a strategic framework for measuring, planning, and reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and includes an inventory of existing emissions, sets reduction goals or targets, and identifies analyzed and prioritized mitigation measures to achieve the reduction targets. The CAP is intended to reduce GHG emissions generated in municipal and community-wide activities in the areas of building and community energy use, transportation and land use, waste reduction and diversion, water conservation, and green infrastructure enhancement. The CAP is not intended currently to be used as a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) mitigation document per CEQA Guidelines § 15183.5.

**Project Background:** The City of Imperial Beach has been in the process of updating its General Plan/Local Coastal Program (LCP) and developing a Climate Action Plan (CAP) for the past 2 years. The City has sought to update its policies, requirements, and programs to guide future development such that they addressed climate change and sea level rise (SLR) impacts in order for the City to become resilient in the face of these environmental challenges.

The City has been fortunate in being able to obtain grants from the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) that funded plans for and constructed many of the improvements that the community utilizes today. In order to qualify for future grants, however, SANDAG is now requiring cities to adopt a Climate Action Plan (CAP) and a Complete Streets Policy by July 27, 2019.

The City released the draft LCP/GP Update, CAP, and Negative Declaration on March 25, 2019 for a 45-day public review and comment period from March 25, 2019 to May 15, 2019. The City tentatively scheduled the adoption of the LCP/GP Update that included the Land Use Plan (LUP) and the Implementation Plan (IP), the CAP, and the Final ND for the City Council meetings of June 19, 2019 and July 17, 2019. Due to the extensive and substantial comments received, the City did not consider the LCP on June 19<sup>th</sup> but will be considering the Mobility Element (that contains the Complete Streets Principles) of the LCP/GP, the CAP, and the Final ND for adoption on July 17, 2019 and will consider the adoption of the other elements of the LUP and the IP at a future hearing. Due to the crucial issues raised by the Coastal Commission (CCC), the City will be holding discussions with Coastal staff to try to resolve issues with the proposed LCP Update. The LCP Update will need to be certified by the CCC in order for it to be effective.



# Climate Action Plan Negative Declaration

# Mobility Element



July 17, 2019



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**Project Outreach:** The City released the draft LCP/GP Update, CAP, and Negative Declaration on March 25, 2019 for a 45-day public review and comment period from March 25, 2019 to May 15, 2019 pursuant to California Code of Regulations Code §13515 (14 CCR 13515) and California Government Code §65352. Included within this review period was the required 30-day review of the draft Negative Declaration (ND) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15073. The draft documents (including supporting materials) were posted on the City's website at <https://www.imperialbeachca.gov> with a link to the 2018/2019 RIB CAP/LCP/GP Update project. The documents were also routed through the State Clearinghouse (SCH# 2019039143) and the Office of Planning and Research for public agency review and comment.



Comments on the draft documents were solicited from the Tidelands Advisory Committee on May 13, 2019, the Design Review Board on May 16, 2019, and the Parks and Recreation Committee on May 20, 2019. On May 30, 2019, the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority acting as the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) determined that the proposed GP/LCP Update is consistent with the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) that was adopted on October 25, 2015.



**Environmental Determination:** The City, as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared and intends to adopt a Negative Declaration (ND) for the Mobility Element of the General Plan/Local Coastal Program (LCP) Update and the Climate Action Plan (CAP). The draft ND identified no significant impacts that would result from the implementation of the project. The State Clearinghouse advised the City that the environmental document (SCH# 2019039143) was routed to various state agencies from March 25, 2019 to April 23, 2019 and no comments were received. However, comments from citizens and non-governmental organizations were received and responses to those comments will be provided in a Final ND that will be considered by the City Council.



**Project Funding:** This project is funded by a \$225,000 grant from the Coastal Commission (that expires on December 31, 2019) and \$150,000 from the City's general fund. Additionally, the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) provided support for the CAP through the services of the Environmental Policy Initiatives Center (EPIC) of the University of San Diego Law School. With these funds, the City hired AECOM Consultants to assist with this project.

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